#### LEAP YEAR HOLD-UPS • AN INDELICATE MIRACLES OF FIRE SHOWN IN THE RUIN OF THE EQUITABLE

Some Things Were Wholly Unscathed When Flames Burned Fiercest,

WHERE WALSH DIED.

View of Great Gap Like Looking Down Into Wrecked Amphitheatre.

The thousands who have daily passed the rules of the Equitable Building have but the vaguest hint, as they gare from the outside, of the are inspiring spectacle that the Pine God has wrought

troyed in seconds what it took man years to fashion, but here and there the fire left unscathed some inanimate obteet that recalls with tragic vividness the reality and splender of the not very remote past.

To the casual observer who hurries by on Broadway, it is merely a cold, gray mass of ashes and twisted steel within a shell of stone, to the one-who climbs the devastated building from floor to floor and goes from room to room, it is more like the battered hulk of a once stanch ship that has fought its last bitter battle.

Last evening an Evening World reporter was invited by John O'Connor, trip through the building.

MARBLE HALL A DRIVEWAY FOR THEIR TRUCKS.

The entrance to the building was made from the Pine street side, where the contractors who are bracing up the interior have established their shannes. The once beautiful marble hall that led to the "Million Dollar" corridor in the centre of the building had been transformed by the workmen into a drive-way for their trucks, through which the

the water had turned into a peculiar In the "white room" some of the gray clay. The main Broadway entrance enamelled panels in the ceiling gleamed show places of downtown New York.

The ascent to the upper floors was bethe end of the Pine street entrance. The are had almost entirely missed this section of the building, which was occupie by the Mercantile Trust Company. desks remained in the same position that their business day the Saturday before the fire. Even the straw waste paper baskets filled with paper were un-

SWEPT EVERYTHING CLEAR DOWN TO THE FIRE-BRICK.

Up to the third floor the fire had swept everything clean to the fire-brick. Ashes and debris of all des-cription were half a foot high on the floor. What had once been doors were charred, sarged holes in the brick walls. The iron beams that supported the ceiling showed twisted and rusty through the half-fallen and

section of the building was almost deatical with another until the ninth floor was reached. Here the fire had played fromis pranks. In the midst of the devastation there was found a perfect chair. That it had been a part of the office furniture was apparent Yet in some miraculous manner it had been left undamaged. On this same floor on the Cedar street side of the building an overturned typewriter enught the eye. Except for the fact that the paint had been blistered it was in apparently good condition, al-though in a part of the building where the condition showed that the flames had been the nercest

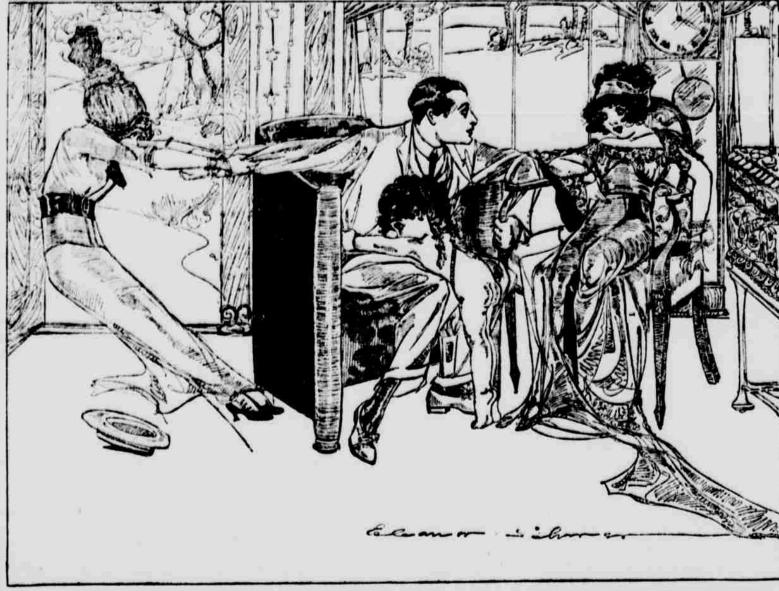
As those who are familiar with the building know, although its site order ples an entire city black, it is not uniform structure, but made up of several buildings which have been creeted at different times. The floors are all graded about the same level, but the bads and stairways in the different edifices vary. In the rear, on the Nassan street side, the costly maride hallways are absolute-ly intact and unmarked. This is exwere devoid of familiare or decoration

LIKE GAZING DOWN INTO A WRECKED AMPHITHEATRE.

At the Broadway and Coder street side of the building begins the immense hole through the attributive, where all the floors collabsed or the top of the Mercantile Safe Deposit vouces and the adjoining offices. This livie is almost seventy-five feet square.

From the top floor of the building. looking down on the tantied mass of ruins at the bottom, it has the appearance of some old Raman ampattheatre destroyed by some volcanic eruption. building, studded with their regular and numerous windows, many of them still having their window shades fluttering

In the winter wind, The scores of inborers working with



When a "Bobbie" loves a "Bessie" why don't you leave them alone, deep into the big, soft cushions of the chair at "Bessie's" side and there you Hold-Up Maidens, instead of breaking in and trying to take him he will stay; for your small strength is no match for that mighty little WORLD WANTS WORK WONDERS -ELEANOR SCHORER. charge of the burned edifice, to take a away by force? For you must know that love will only force him back rascal,

> their steam derricks removing the de- yers' Club that the God of Fire had about this spot showed how and why bris looked like busy ants, as they chosen to play his most satiric feats the gallant fireman had met his death. toiled in the winter twilight. The piere- Every inch of the gorgeously panelled. The spot where he was caught and ing, blue flame of the accetylene machine, walls and ce'ling had been burned to a carried down by the falling timbers. which cuts through steel like a scissors crisp. The magnificent chandeller was was in the centre of a long hall, where through tissue paper, showed weird and a twisted piece of iror and brass, heavy the fire had been the hottest. It had uncanny in the bottom of the pit, as its with soot. But right in the centre of been a stragetic point to fight a fire. operator in rubber gloves and a mask, the room through which the flames had and one which the chief quickly recog-AMID THE MELANCHOLY WRECK an unharmed fancy menu card. And Whe

In the rear of the building on the night floor was the famous Lawyers' Beauty rose. Club. The marvellous "white room" and the gorgeous dining salon which met with many curious discoveries. No the tragedy will remain untold forever. only the charred and scorched marble has made the organization famous the amount of reasoning could explain some world over, was a mere skeleton of the uncanny tricks that the fire per-

In the "white room" some of the WHERE THE BODY OF CHIEF white in spots. Despite the thoroughwas blocked clear up to the high arches was left in a peculiar, inexplicable manner, a faint was being afted down from the upper part of the building to be removed by the wagens.

Despite the utter hopelessness of the wreck the high, broad corridor, with here and there a bright bit of marble showing through the ashes, retained a showing through the ashes, retained as a showing through the ashes, retained a showing through the ashes, retained as a showing through the ashes, retained as a showing through the sale as a show

WALSH WAS FOUND. On the fourth floor, Inspector O'Connor ness of the fire, there was left in a brought the visitor to the edge of the

showing through the ashes, retained a and bleak on the the scorched brick In the fading daylight that came in floor. Not a sign of any of the from the hole above, the crude marking the sacent to the upper floors was becallinary fixtures or untensils remained.

When he saw that the fire was gaining them out, and then remained to see where he could make hir next stand.



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Mrs. Ordenstein III, Supposed to Have Leaped From

Fourth Floor.

Robert Studiey, janitor of the o"artment house at No. 148 West One Hundred and Thirty-first street, looked out of a basement window early to-day and saw the body of a woman in the light shaft. He called Policeman Boylan of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station.

Dr. Pratt of Harlem Hospital looked at the body and said the woman had been dead several hours.

Search through the building disclosed the woman's identity as Mrs. Bettle Ordenstein, sixty-seven, who lived or the fourth floor with her daughter, Pauline. She had been sick for months. She is believed to have jumped from a window with suicidal intent.

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'NOTHING TO CASE." BUT IT GOT ON DOCKET TWICE.

Judge Foster Takes Dig at Supreme Court Justice Before Attorney for Prosecution Dismisses Flood, One of the cases on Judge Poster'

alendar in Coneral Sessions, to-day, was one against Thomas Flood, accused That once was on the calendar o the Supreme Court," remarked Plood's attorner, "I can't understand why it is

"No doubt the Justice of the Supren "No doubt the Justice of the Supreme Court found out there would be no notoriety given the case by the newspapers," suggested Judge Foster.

'There's nothing to the case." the attorney went on, "and it should not be tried."

PREE SAMPLE

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# Health and Beauty Answers

Rose: Lack of coarcies and eating too much sold food furing the winter momths accounts for your sallow purply complexion and loss ensery. You can best overcome this condition by taking a good system-tonic and blood purifier, made by dissolving one ounce hardene in % pint alcohol, then adding % oun maser and hot water to make a quart. Take ablespoonful before each meal and in a cherrine you will feel like a new person; your sallowness will give way to a row, healthy complexion. This simple blood-purifier is a considered escentiary, and cannot be recommended too highly as a reliable system-tonic, like or lise syse. If you want bright, close, healthy is good for any present chapping, and is very cleaning, health appear an have them with very little care, tied an aunce of crystics at any dury store and dissolve it in a pint of water. Fut two or three drops of this tonic in seck ere daily and you will be susprised how it will atrangtion your week, ired eyes and make them strong, healthy and partiting. Many occurred who use this cruptived how it will atrangtion your week, ired eyes and make them strong, healthy and partiting. Many occurred who use this cruptive like on the strong healthy and pour will he surprised how it will atrangtion your week. Ired eyes and make them strong, healthy and partiting. Many occurred who use this cruptive with composition.

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